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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-4

TAGS: GN, SHUM

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO SEKOU TOURE ON AMNESTY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE CABLED MAY 4 TO PRESIDENT TOURE FROM FOUR FORMER U.S. AMBASSADORS TO GUINEA AND ONE FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY URGING AN AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RDA. A COPY OF THE MESSAGE HAS ALSO BEEN DELIVERED TO AMBASSADOR KOUROUMA IN WASHINGTON. THE MESSAGE WAS A PERSONAL INITIATIVE OF THE SIGNATORS AND WAS MOTIVATED IN LARGE PART BY THEIR CONCERN FOR THE FATE OF FORMER GUINEAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. KARIM BANGOURA.

2. QUOTE. S. E. AHMED SEKOU TOURE, CONAKRY GUINEA. WE, THE UNDERSIGNED FORMER U.S. AMBASSADORS TO GUINEA AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICA, LONG TIME FRIENDS OF YOUR COUNTRY, THE PEOPLE OF GUINEA AND YOU PERSONALLY; RECALLING YOUR LONG STRUGGLE TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF YOUR PEOPLE; CONSCIOUS OF THE PLIGHT OF SOME FORMER OFFICIALS; URGE YOU TO GRANT AN AMNESTY TO THOSE STILL IN CONFIDENTIAL

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PRISON SO THAT THEY MAY RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT SUCH AN ACTION WOULD BE A WELCOME GESTURE IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RDA. JOHN MORROW, WILLIAM ATTWOOD, JAMES LOEB, ROBINSON MCILVAINE, JOSEPH PALMER. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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